

### Abstract Of The Disclosure

Polyester bottles having reduced bottle-to-bottle friction and an absence of visible haze are manufactured from a polyester polymer containing an effective amount of uniformly dispersed barium sulfate as a friction-reducing additive.

5 Preferably, the barium sulfate is present in the polyester composition in the range of from about 0.001 wt. % to about 0.1 wt. %, and has an average particle size of from 0.1 micron to 2.0 microns. The polymer may be first formed into a preform that is subsequently blown into the desired bottle configuration.